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COMPOUNDS

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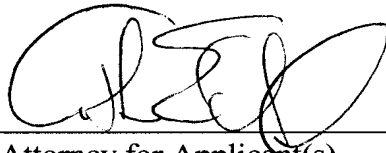
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**ELECTION**

This is in response to the outstanding Restriction requirement in which the term for response expires May 17, 2007. Group II is a subset of I so it is incorrect to say they are mutually exclusive. I is intra- or inter-molecular and Group II is Inter-molecular. Group II must be within Group I.

Applicants elect Group I and believe Group II should be included within claim 1. Claims 1-26 and 28-33 are within these groups.

Respectfully submitted,



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